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# H. R. 2497

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## AN ACT

To establish the Amache National Historic Site in the State of Colorado as a Unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2        This Act may be cited as the “Amache National His-  
3 toric Site Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5        In this Act:

6            (1) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map en-  
7 titled “Amache National Historical Site Proposed  
8 Boundary”, numbered 100/175348 and dated July  
9 2021.

10          (2) NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE.—The term “Na-  
11 tional Historic Site” means the Amache National  
12 Historic Site established by section 3(a).

13          (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
14 the Secretary of the Interior.

15 **SEC. 3. AMACHE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE.**

16          (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to subsection (c),  
17 there is established the Amache National Historic Site in  
18 the State of Colorado as a unit of the National Park Sys-  
19 tem.

20          (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the National Historic  
21 Site is to preserve, protect, and interpret for the benefit  
22 of present and future generations resources associated  
23 with—

24            (1) the incarceration of civilians of Japanese  
25 ancestry during World War II at Amache, also

1 known as the Granada Relocation Center, and the  
2 military service of center incarcerees;

3 (2) public reaction in the State of Colorado to  
4 the incarceration of Japanese Americans, including  
5 the position of Governor Ralph Carr and the local  
6 community; and

7 (3) the transition of the incarcerees and their  
8 descendants following the closure of the center and  
9 resettlement in the State of Colorado and other  
10 States.

11 (c) DETERMINATION BY THE SECRETARY.—The Na-  
12 tional Historic Site shall not be established until the date  
13 on which the Secretary determines that a sufficient quan-  
14 tity of land or interests in land has been acquired to con-  
15 stitute a manageable park unit.

16 (d) NOTICE.—Not later than 30 days after the Sec-  
17 retary makes a determination under subsection (c), the  
18 Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register notice of  
19 the establishment of the National Historic Site.

20 (e) BOUNDARY; MAP.—

21 (1) BOUNDARY.—The boundary of the National  
22 Historic Site shall be as generally depicted on the  
23 Map.

4 (f) LAND ACQUISITION AUTHORITY.—The Secretary  
5 may acquire any land or interests in land located within  
6 the boundary of the Camp Amache National Historic  
7 Landmark, as generally depicted on the Map, by—

8 (1) donation;

- 9               (2) purchase from a willing seller with donated
- 10              or appropriated Funds; or
- 11              (3) exchange.

12       (g) ADDITION TO BOUNDARY.—Any lands or inter-  
13 ests in land acquired under paragraph (1) shall be in-  
14 cluded within the boundary of the National Historic Site.

**15 (h) ADMINISTRATION.—**

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall administer the National Historic Site in accordance with

18 (A) this Act; and

**21 (2) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—**

1           eral management plan for the National Historic  
2           Site in accordance with section 100502 of title  
3           54, United States Code.

12           (i) ADMINISTRATIVE FACILITIES.—For the purposes  
13 of ensuring the preservation, protection, and proper man-  
14 agement of the site and associated resources, the Sec-  
15 retary may establish facilities for administration, visitor  
16 services, and curation of personal property, outside the  
17 boundary of, and in the vicinity of, the National Historic  
18 Site.

19           (j) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary  
20 may enter into agreements with—

(2) other public or private entities for the purposes of carrying out this Act.

3           (k) EFFECT ON WATER RIGHTS.—Except as pro-  
4 vided for in subsection (l), nothing in this Act shall af-  
5 fect—

(1) the use, allocation, ownership, or control, in existence on the date of the enactment of any water, water right, or any other valid existing right;

12                   (3) any interstate water compact in existence  
13                   on the date of the enactment; or

14 (4) State jurisdiction over any water law.

15           (l) OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF WATER IN-  
16 INFRASTRUCTURE AND APPURTENANCES.—

1                             (2) The Secretary shall provide the town of  
2 Granada, Colorado, with access to those areas of the  
3 National Historic Site determined as necessary for  
4 the operation and maintenance of water infrastruc-  
5 ture and appurtenances.

6                             (3) The Secretary may permit the city of Gra-  
7 nadia, Colorado, to construct or install new water in-  
8 frastructure, systems and appurtenances consistent  
9 with applicable laws, limited only to those areas de-  
10 termined in subsection (i)(2), and in a manner that  
11 ensures the preservation, protection, and proper  
12 management of the National Historic Site.

13                             (4) At such time that all water infrastructure,  
14 systems and appurtenances located within the  
15 boundary of the National Historic Site are no longer  
16 utilized by the city of Granada, Colorado, associated  
17 improvements and associated water rights may be  
18 acquired through donation to and made part of the  
19 National Historic Site in a condition satisfactory to  
20 the Secretary.

Passed the House of Representatives July 29, 2021.

Attest:                             CHERYL L. JOHNSON,  
*Clerk.*